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As a transportation planner, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rule to restrict railbanking negotiations to six 180-day extensions. Railbanking is crucial to the development of rail-trails around the country, which in turn promote economic development, healthy individuals and communities, and transportation options, reducing congestion and air pollution. Negotiations for railbanking very almost always take longer than three years, due to the need to coordinate among jurisdictions, acquire property or easements, obtain funding, undertake public outreach, develop plans, and many other legitimate reasons and important steps. We should be doing all we can to make railbanking easier, rather than taking actions to impede the preservation of rail corridors and development of rail-trails.